(c) whether his Ministry plans to expand the scheme which meant for the poorest of the poor in the country; and

(d) if so, by when Government are likely to implement this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (d)The question of extending the scope of the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) as part of the initiative towards providing support and food security to the most vulnerable sections such as old people, widows and disabled persons, without family or societal support, is receiving attention.

Quality control on imported appliances

961. SHRI B.R SINGHAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards has issued mandatory quality control orders for some electrical appliances specially imparted under the compulsory certification scheme;

(b) if so, what is the mechanism that detects the violations of the orders;

(c) how many testing were carried out and how many violations have been detected during the last three years, year-wise and the action taken against the companies who violated the orders; and

(d) if negligible violations have been detected then what action Government are taking to ensure greater effectiveness in enforcing the orders of the Bureau of Indian Standards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No testing has been carried out by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) as it has not granted any licence to a foreign manufacture for electrical appliances.

(d) Question does not arise.

Additional storage capacity

962. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: